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From the office of
Chairman Doug Little
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. WASHINGTON
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TO: Docket Control

DATE: July 29, 2016

FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT: EPCOR WS-01303A-16-0145

Chairman Little's office received 8 emails referencing, and in opposition of, the above docket number. The emails can be viewed via the Docket link on the website, or in Docket.

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Andrea Gaston

From: Debra Bell <DebBellCLA@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Docket # WS-01303A-16-0145 - Epcor wastewater proposal

July 29, 2016

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Re: Docket # WS-01303A-16-0145
EPCOR waste water proposal

Dear Commissioners:

As an EPCOR rate payer and Sun City resident, I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for FULL consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts. EPCOR shows their cost of service for the Sun City district is approximately \$25/month and the consolidated rate would increase to over \$40/month. This would almost double the water bills for a majority of Sun City residents who rely on fixed incomes, i.e. Social Security or monthly pensions, to live.

I would not object to an increase of a few dollars per month towards improvements in the Sun City district but not to subsidize other EPCOR districts. The newer districts and developing areas should pay their own way – not be a burden on the established districts and rate payers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Debra M. Bell, 12218 N. Sun Valley Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351 (307) 259-2876, debbellcla@msn.com

Andrea Gaston

From: Alice Keller <akeller3@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 10:24 AM
Cc: Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: "Please vote against full consolidation!!!" WS-01303A-16-0145

Sirs, I have lived in SC since the summer of 1986. I have owned a house since 1993 when I needed to take care of my mother who had alzhimers disease. She passed away in 1999. Epcor can't expect Sun Citians to subsidize other districts in their service. Vote against full consolidation, please!

Alice M. Keller
9202 N. 102nd Dr.
Sun City

Andrea Gaston

From: Gene Daughs <gdaughs587@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 9:50 PM
To: Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; stump-web@acc.gov; rburns-web@acc.gov
Subject: EPCOR Case **WS - 013034 - 16 - 0145**

Myself, my wife and my close neighbors in Sun City West are EPCOR ratepayers and are are strongly in opposition to EPCOR'S proposal for full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts. We ask for your opposition to EPCOR'S proposal.

Dr. E.W. Daughs
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Andrea Gaston

From: JKropp3222@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; RBurns-Web; Little-Web
Subject: Epcor water request *WS-01303A-16-0145*

Commissioners,

As an EPCOR ratepayer and Sun City West resident, I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

Why as a resident of Sun City West should I pay for the cost of wastewater treatment in the other localities?

The rates were set at the onset of the communities at the cost needed to provide that service to them, the same as mine was set at the onset of Sun City West.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Jacob Kropp
19810 N Stardust Blvd
Sun City West, Az. 85375-5784**

Andrea Gaston

From: Kathie Miller <kathiemiller@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 2:33 PM
To: Little-Web
Subject: Epcor consolidation proposal

26 July 2016

This is an Epcor-customer Comment regarding the current rate case before the ACC:

Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

When my husband and I moved from Anthem to Sun City West in 2010, one of the considerations for our move was to get away from the high water costs and ongoing high infrastructure DEBT that Del Webb saddled on us, the rate payer, thru the water/sewer provider, Citizens' Utilities, at the time of our purchase (2000). The comparatively lower water/sewer rates here in Sun City West was another benefit we found attractive to us. It seems that Epcor, AZ American Water and Citizens' Utilities can't seem to manage their company task without trying to mess with their customers' pocketbooks, always looking to raise rates. By making the schedule of proposed rates look attractive in their 'consolidation' scheme, especially to those districts with currently high monthly rates, they're hoping to get no push-back from the customers in those districts. Never mind that we folks who are retired and on ever-shrinking fixed incomes, who've chosen to live where the costs for water/sewer service in Sun City and SCW are lower, will be negatively impacted in the long run.

What happens - should this 'consolidation' actually be approved - and 'unexpected' problems arise for one area, like Anthem, and all of us have to bear those costs by higher rates following that?

In addition, how does Epcor's assumed Anthem infrastructure debt tie into this proposal...and future rate increases??? I saw no evidence that it's even a consideration. And it's HIGH debt!

It's time for the ACC to recommend a break for thousands of Epcor customers by NOT changing anything. This is America, where we residents of SCW or Sun City, pay for our water/sewer usage through established rates. It would be a HUGE burden to have to pay up for other districts' water/sewer usage. Those people bought in those areas, knowing the costs. We avoided those areas for a reason...and now Epcor seems to think it's okay to lump us all together.

DO NOT approve the consolidation scheme of Epcor, please.

"Those who wish to sing will always find a song."

Kathie Miller
SCW AZ

Andrea Gaston

From: Tom McClain <tmccclain8@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 2:35 PM
To: Little-Web; Stump-Web; web@azcc.gov; Forese-Web; Tobin-Web
Subject: Docket WS-01303A-16-0145 EPCOR proposed consolidation

Honorable Chairman and gentlemen of the AZ ACC Board,

I am George McClain, a Sun City, AZ EPCOR ratepayer and I am disturbed by the statements of the EPCOR moderator at the latest information meeting held early this month at the Sun Dial Recreation Center in Sun City, AZ about the proposed wastewater consolidation by EPCOR in Docket WS-01303A-16-0145.

Gentlemen,

The EPCOR moderator said the following about the 2015 EPCOR rate case as given to the AZ ACC board for review:

1. EPCOR said that they spent over \$2.4 million on sewer pipe repair and replacement in 2015. Yet, they only expended \$250,000 for 2013 and \$125,000 for 2014 for the same wastewater pipeline repair and replacement. There appears to be a possible fraud involved with these expenses.
2. The EPCOR moderator said the present Sun City wastewater pipeline repair and replacement is to be accomplished by invasive trenching and when challenged on this, the moderator admitted that EPCOR is not trenching, but using newer repair and replacement technologies of trenchless lining and bursting that costs 40 to 60 % less to do than trenching.
3. Sun City wastewater pipes are old and in poor shape, yet they have been inspected and repaired per AZ Constitutional requirement every year where over 5 years the entire system has been inspected and repaired.
4. EPCOR stated that they pay Tolleson for the effluent that Sun City, AZ produces when actually Tolleson pays EPCOR for the effluent, treats it and sells it as cooling water for the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant.

With the above inconsistencies I challenge the EPCOR 2015 Rate Case Study.

All of the above items cast doubt on the true costs of repair and replacement of the Sun City, AZ system.

Finally, the EPCOR moderator stated that the AZ ACC Board firmly believes and has stated to EPCOR in writing, that the full consolidation of the EPCOR districts is the preferable choice for the AZ ACC Board as well as the proper course of action. If that is so, I believe the AZ ACC Board must recuse itself and turn the entire Docket over to a court appointed independent arbiter.

And another confirmation of the possible direction of the AZ ACC Board is that you have directed EPCOR to do another Rate Case Study for consolidation for 2018.

I find this to be disturbing and objectionable in a legal sense and represent possible fraud by the AZ ACC board.

Using the Sun City fixed income retirement community to ameliorate and subsidize the poor planning and decisions of Anthem, Corte Bella, Russell Ranch, Verrado and others is wrong and pure socialism. Remember Sun City, AZ is the largest voter base of the EPCOR customer base.

Sincerely,

George McClain
Sun City, AZ

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Andrea Gaston

From: Chuck Hideman <chideman77@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 12:42 PM
To: Tobin-Web; forese-web@acc.gov; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

I respectfully request that you not approve the request on behalf of EPCOR Co. to consolidate with other EPCOR wastewater districts. I live in Sun City and believe it to be unfair to ask me to nearly double my monthly rate to satisfy the EPCOR full consolidation request. Thank you.

Andrea Gaston

From: Schlict@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 11:48 PM
To: Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Docket Number WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Sirs:

As an Epcor ratepayer and Sun City resident, I strongly object to Epcor's recommendation for full consolidation of the Epcor wastewater district.

Epcor shows their cost of service for our district is approximately \$25.00/month and the consolidated rate would be over \$40.00/month for our district ratepayers.

Most of the people in Sun City are retired and live on small pensions and social security. We should not be forced to subsidize other districts.

Please vote against full consolidation!

Thank you,

Susan Schlichting
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